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C O N F I D E N T I A L KAMPALA 1827

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SUBJECT: AMIN' S PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RETURN FROM ADDIS

REF: KAMPALA 1826

1. ACCOUNT OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN REFTEL IS FLESHED OUT WITH SOME PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED IN REPORT PUBLISHED BY UGANDAN MEDIA. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW MOST SIGNIFICANT ITEM LEFT OUT BY MEDIA WAS CHARGE ABOUT CIA FINANCING OF UGANDAN CHURCHES (PARA EIGHT REFTEL). AMIN MENTIONED CIA IN TWO OTHER PORTIONS OF HIS REMARKS, BOTH RELATING TO ALLEGED BACKING GIVEN ANTI- REGIME ORGANIZATION FRONASA.

2. AMIN WAS FULL OF SELF- CONGRATULATION AS USUAL, PLAYED HIMSELF UP AS HAVING HAD LEADING ROLE AT OAU SESSIONS. HE SAID OTHER LEADERS CALLED HIM " VANGUARD OF AFRICA" AND A " BULLDOZER" CLEARING THE WAY FOR THEM. FROM THE WAY HE EXPLAINED HOW AGREEMENT WITH NYERERE WAS REACHED IT IS EVIDENT
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HE ENLISTED ASSISTANCE OF A NUMBER OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE TO WORK AT MEDIATION WITH NYERERE.

3. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN VIP ROOM AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT,

JAMMED WITH ABOUT TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE INCLUDING ACTING CABINET, SENIOR MILITARY, ROY INNIS AND HIS CORE AIDES, LARGE NUMBER UGANDAN JOURNALISTS, SECURITY TYPES, DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND AIRPORT PERSONNEL. ONE CORE JOURNALIST STOOD BEHIND PRESIDENT AND ACTED AS CHEERLEADER FOR CROWD APPLAUDING AMIN' S SALLIES. AFTER AMIN' S REPEATED CHARGES ABOUT BRITISH AND AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES, ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER BRIND WHISPERED TO ME (WITH REFERENCE TO COROWDED CONDITIONS): " WE COULDN' T WALK OUT OF HERE IF WE WANTED TO."

4. AT END OF CONFERENCE AMIN QUITE POINTEDLY STRODE UP TO BRIND AND ME AND SHOOK OUR HANDS BEFORE LEAVING VIP ROOM TO ENTER HIS CAR. THIS WAS HIS WAY OF SAYING: " NOTHING PERSONAL INTENDED. YOU' RE STILL MY BEST FRIENDS."
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